

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-10, 12 and 16 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled and claims 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 12 have been amended by the present Amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-3, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and claims 4, 5, 6 and 9 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, claims 4 and 9 have been rewritten in independent form and claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejections noted in the Office Action are moot and the pending claims are allowable.

Further, it is respectfully requested this Amendment be entered as it places the application in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

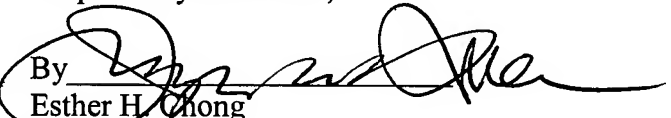
In view of the above Amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David A. Bilodeau, Reg. No. 42,325, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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